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TO: Planning Board
FROM: CDD Staff
DATE: July 15, 2005
RE: Lower Mass Ave Zoning Changes

As discussed at the 06/21/05 Planning Board meeting, included is a final text version of the proposed Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District changes associated with the Lower Massachusetts Avenue process. The changes reflect the decisions made by the Planning Board at that June 21 meeting.

This document includes the entire text of the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District, with the proposed changes in purple underlined or strikethrough text. Changes that have been made since the version distributed at the June 21 meeting are highlighted in yellow. Commentary is included in boxes to provide an explanation for each of the major changes.

Also included is some supplemental material, including a map of the Massachusetts Avenue Overlay District and a list of the retail, office, and institutional uses that would receive an FAR allowance if included on the ground floor of new residential or dormitory buildings (this would only apply in the "Lower Mass Ave" area covering the BC district around Porter Square and the BA-2 district directly to the south).

Please let us know at the July 19 meeting if you have any comments or questions before the petition is forwarded to the City Council.